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For. **IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY, IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY  
MEMBER, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND OIL PUMP ROTOR**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

**Attn: Group Director**

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Sir:

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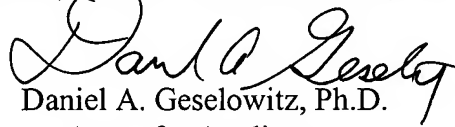
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